

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, before line 3 (after the Title), please insert the following paragraph:

This is a continuation application of copending Application No. 09/823,980 filed on April 3, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please amend page 27, lines 13-23 of the specification to read as follows:

On one hand, in the case of reproducing the audio information or the like, which has been already recorded in the DVD 1, the pickup 2 generates the optical beam B to be reproduced having certain strength and irradiates it to the information track in which the above pits are formed. Then, the pickup 2 generates a detecting signal Spp in associated with the audio information or the like on the basis of its reflection light and outputs it to the ~~decoder 10~~ demodulator 10.

Thus, the ~~decoder 10~~ demodulator 10 provides the detecting signal Spp with demodulation processing in associated with the modulation processing in the above modulator 3, and generates a demodulation signal Spd to output it to the decoder 11.